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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's May 12, 1999 Office Action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified patent application. With the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, the above-mentioned Response is due on or before November 12, 1999. A check (#4768) in the amount of \$435.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 00960-515; CRP-145). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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